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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7148**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 339**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sex and Violent Offender Notification.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Rogers

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a sheriff or the police chief of Indianapolis to notify certain individuals that a convicted sex or violent offender is residing in the community.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *See Explanation of Local Expenditures.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Current statute requires the sheriff of a county or the police chief of Indianapolis to forward a copy of a sex and violent offender's registration form to (1) the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and (2) every law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area where the offender resides. This bill would add additional entities to this list.

The additional entities are as follows: (a) all occupants of residents within 1,000 feet of the offender's residence; (2) each principal, primary administrator, or headmaster of a public or private: (i) preschool; (ii) elementary school; or (iii) secondary school; that is located within 2 miles of the offender's residence; (4) the principal, primary administrator, or headmaster of a public or private secondary school that the offender attends; (5) the superintendent of the school corporation in which the offender's residence is located; (6) the administrator of each day care center that is located within 2 miles of the offender's residence; (7) the president or chief administrative officer of a university or college that is located within 2 miles of the offender's residence; (8) the president or chief administrative officer of a university or college that the offender attends; and (9) each neighborhood association that represents the area in which the offender's residence is located.

The number of additional entities requiring a copy of the registration form varies by law enforcement agency. It is assumed that agencies located in more rural areas will be required to forward the registration form to

fewer additional entities.

*Distribution:* Law enforcement agency distribution methods, either electronically or on paper, vary as well. It is assumed that the majority of agencies would be able to forward registration forms electronically. Thus, minimal increases in expenditures are foreseen. Any increase in expenditure is dependent on (1) the number of new registration forms submitted to any local law enforcement agency and (2) the number of entities under the jurisdiction of that law enforcement agency which fall under the requirements of this bill.

*Staff:* Each local law enforcement agency has identified staff to monitor sex and violent offender registration. Increases in expenditures for agencies vary by locality. Allen County, which has a larger sex offender population (836 offenders out of a population of 333,628, or 1 in every 399 individuals), reports that it currently needs additional staff to monitor sex and violent offender registration. The county would likely require additional staff if the number of entities required to be notified increases. Whitley County, with a smaller sex and violent offender population (30 sex offenders in 31,099 people, or 1 in every 1,036 people), reports that no additional staff would be needed. Any increases in expenditures for local law enforcement agencies are dependent on the number of sex offenders registering in the agencies jurisdiction and the number of entities that the form must be forwarded to.

*Background Information:* The Indiana Sheriffs' Association is responsible for development and monitoring of the Indiana Sex Offender Registry website. The registry is comprised of two parts; the sex offender registry, and the sex and violent offender registry. Individuals listed on the latter are considered sexual predators and remain on the registry for the remainder of their lives. Those listed on the sex offender registry remain on the list for no longer than 10 years. Currently, there are approximately 6,600 individuals registered.

The sex offender registry is funded through grant money from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The grant was \$120,000 in CY 2002, and two employees maintain the website. The Indiana Sheriffs' Association reports that it will be able to implement the requirements of this bill within current expenditures.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

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